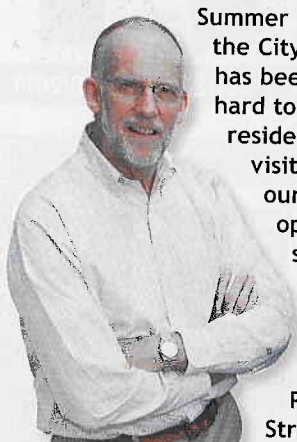


MAYOR'S MESSAGE...



Summer is coming and the City of Port Phillip has been working hard to ensure residents and visitors can enjoy our parks and open spaces this season. We've planted over 1,000 trees as part of the Greening Port Phillip Tree Strategy and we have upgraded

the public space outside Luna Park, which improves the area for vehicles, pedestrians and trams. We have also delivered three important pedestrian safety projects.

Our beaches are in great condition and as of 1 December 2010 they will be even better as smoking and glass will no longer be allowed on the sand at Port Phillip beaches. Cigarette butts and glass are the bulk of the litter on our beaches and can harm people, marine wildlife and our environment.

The Port Phillip is the first bay-side municipality to launch the 'No Butts, No Cuts' campaign.

Surf Coast Shire successfully launched the 'No Butts, No Cuts' initiative two years ago across its popular beachside towns, including Lorne and Torquay - so remember, whether you're home or away, the rules are the same!

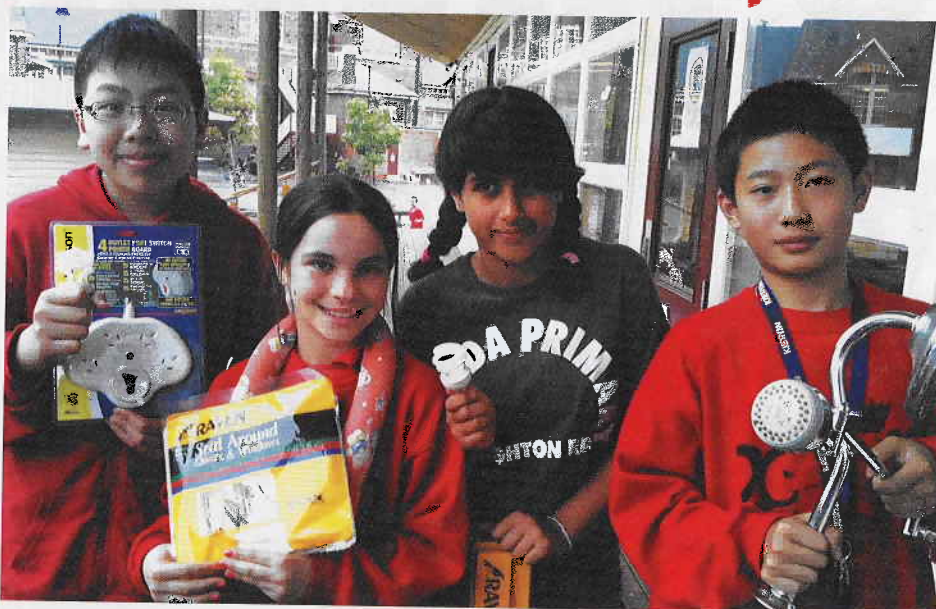
Summer street parties and block parties are also a great way to enjoy the weather and celebrate this season. Through the Port Phillip Community Group, Council can help you to organise a street closure, borrow a barbecue, or get insurance. There's also a package of helpful hints to make your party a success.

On behalf of Council I'd like to wish everybody a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to working with you again in 2011.

Council pays its respects to the people and elders, past and present, of Yalukit Willam and the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge and uphold their relationship to this land.

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Students become teachers of sustainability



The students will share their cool ideas on sustainable living at an afternoon expo at St Kilda Primary School (Brighton Road) on Wednesday 1 December 2010.

Students will be leading the way at the Sustainability for All Expo at St Kilda Primary School. Learn about preparing your home for a low energy, sustainable summer from the next generation of environmental leaders.

Students from Prep to Year 6 have been learning more about recycling and other savings that every household can make. They have discovered many low cost changes that could make your home more comfortable during Melbourne's extreme hot and cold weather.

The students are keen to invite everyone to their expo because they reckon that every little action makes a difference and everyone can be more sustainable.

The expo is open to the public and supported by the St Kilda Inclusion Project, Inner South East Partnership in Community and Health, the Port Phillip EcoCentre and City of Port Phillip.

Sustainability for All Expo; St Kilda Primary School gym, Brighton Rd, St Kilda; 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, Wednesday 1 December. For more information please contact Amanda at St Kilda Primary School on 9534 3993.

Street parties made easy

Street parties are a terrific way to get to know your neighbours — and summer is the street party season. So pick-up a StreetLife Kit and get your party gear on.

StreetLife is a partnership between Port Phillip Community Group and Council to help make it easier to organise a successful street party. StreetLife can provide public liability insurance, arrange road closures (so you can truly take over the street!), lend you a BBQ and give you plenty of tips for running a successful street party — many of which are contained in the fabulous, free StreetLife Kit.

If you live in an apartment, join in the fun with the rest of the street — or hold a Block Party with your fellow flat dwellers. We are happy to chat to you about great ways to get your block party off the ground as well.

If you wish to hold a street or block party, contact Anthea Teakle, Port Phillip Community Group 9525 8746 or anthea@ppcg.org.au. There is also plenty of information at portphillip.vic.gov.au/street_parties.htm

Go CBD for NYE

Go to the CBD and catch two great fireworks displays: first at 9.15 pm in Yarra Park by the MCG for families followed by a new midnight spectacular from the CBD rooftops. View from anywhere you can see the city skyline, particularly Alexandra Gardens and Birrarung Marr. If you're celebrating in Port Phillip, remember that drinking alcohol and packaged liquor is banned on local beaches and foreshore areas all day on New Year's Eve and until 9 am on 1 January.